

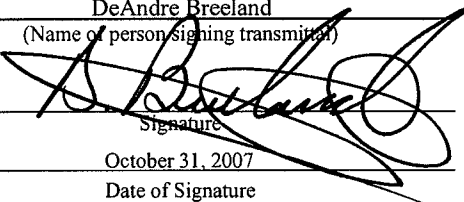
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Natsuko Yotsumoto, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/996,519  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
Filed : November 29, 2001  
Examiner : Chowdhury, Sumaiya A.  
Art Unit : 2623  
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**RESPONSE SUBMITTED WITH**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 21, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on November 21, 2007, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants hereby submit an electronic payment

in the amount of \$810.00 for the RCE fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.